

Minutes of the January 26, 2022 Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

Central County Water Control District

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Chair Mata lead the Pledge of Allegiance
Chair ask for Fumero ask to go over the rules of civility and decorum and he read it to the community present.
 - b. **Roll Call.** Chair Mata ask Mrs. Hernandez, to do the roll call. District Attorney, District Treasurer, Supervisor Seat 3, Chair Mata, Supervisor Seat 2, District Engineer, and District Manager. Supervisor Alvarez was not present.

Approval of Meeting Agenda.

- c. **Additions, Deletion, and Substitutions.** Fumero brought up that Supervisor Alvarez was going to speak on the Underwood management so this will be push back to next month.
- d. **Adoption of Agenda.** Approval of agenda approved for December 15, 2021.
second all I's, motion moved.
- e. **Approved without objections.**

Public Comment: Christopher Self, 266 Avenida del Club, spoke that who ever was mowing ran over the garbage bags and the trash has blown over into his yard and his dogs are getting into it. He also spoke on the decorum and who would have the right to remove someone from a meeting, does the board all vote or how would it work. Fumero stated that the chair is the one who keeps the order of the meeting. Chris then asks what is disruptive behavior, Fumero then stated that being disrespectful to law enforcement officer is bad behavior. Herminio addressed the situation about the trash. He did receive the call and told him in the next couple of days there will be someone out there to pick it up. Chair ask to be able to address these issues sooner than better.

Sharon Martino, 170 S Kennel St., she asked what is being done on her road Kennel St. because she is riding on the shoulder of the road. Supervisor Santiago spoke and stated that he has speaking with the state and if she did call her name will be on the list for repairs. Chair briefly spoke on where she lives exactly. Herminio spoke that they are working on Datil and Horse club and will be going to her next. Chair ask if they would take pictures once it is finished. Sharon spoke to Supervisor Santiago that his website states services provided, and that Hendry County isn't responsible in regards to the road in Montura. Chair stated that the roads are being maintained. She also ask about the golf carts and Chair stated the there will be stipulations if approved. Herminio ask

Chair if he could ask her a question because she mentioned that she saw that we were patching Datil and she said that she saw it.

Antonio Stark, He had a few questions that he wanted to ask: Does the civility and the decorum apply to the board as well, Fumero stated yes. The second what is the legal procedure to trespass a citizen form CCWCD meeting and what are the grounds for trespassing.

Old & New Business:

Contract G139, Supervisor Alvarez was to go over but he wasn't present so it was tabled for the next meeting. Becky spoke that Supervisor Alvarez was going to take to Carney to have him sign.

Second item was about the golf cart usage, Fumero stated that he a zoom meeting with State Attorney General. If the board remembers that he sent a joint letter with Hendry County. State Attorney we don't have the right to maintain road. He then went on to explain special law in our 298 Chapter. That is how we were created. He then went over the details of our charter and proxy votes, and the different things that were amended in our chapter. He read over our 298 special district that state we are the owners of the road but they are public because we are not a gated community. He stated that we will be receiving a letter from the Attorney General in regards to if they are allowed or not. They continued to speak back and forth on this subject. The continued to speak on other items and taxes and obtaining money back from the Hendry County. They spoke back and forth about this and having the thing updated with the growth of our district.

District Manager's Report- Spoke on the list of roads that need repairs. He spoke on new employee that also has CDL, picking trees along canal banks, swell being cleaned, mowing, inspection of pump house and BTEX company came back to finish the last bit of the oil clean up by pump 9 & 10. Fumero ask if the state paid for or was this a 70/30 split, Herminio stated this was the last of this oil clean up that they waited till now to do. Herminio continued to go over the report. He spoke on road on Isora and Bald Cypress, also on Pine Cone and Isora that is undeveloped and needs to have DEP come out and assist. Mr. Bennette also went to check it out. Supervisor Santiago ask if there is a Liability on that road, no you can't go in there, Herminio stated. Chair stated that it's never been developed. Fumero stated wetlands map isn't reliable. Hermino stated that we called the DEP and the owner would have to pull it. Chair ask about the update on the club house and Herminio went over. Supervisor Santana ask about the stop signs that he had mentioned to him. Chair ask about Montura and Brida and Herminio stated that had been token care of. Chair ask if the board can get an update list and the ones that state ntbd if there can be update on these. They continued to speak back and forth about roads. Supervisor Santiago about bringing more Sheriff's out here. Officer Green spoke that with everything going on not many are signing up to become an officer. They then went back to roads, Chris Self, spoke about roads and the process of building of roads. Chair continued to speak.

District Engineer's Report – Mr. Bennett spoke about the Isora & Bald Cypress Ave and he suspected that it because they would have to build or wetland. He isn't an environmentalist but he would have to get some on this area. Fumero ask if we had a ruff estimate on how many roads don't have access. Hermino spoke about ten roads. Bennett spoke about 600 or 800 feet of roads; Chair ask if we wanted to build that and wetland is alive, we would have to have that mitigated and Bennett stated that is correct. Supervisor Santiago ask that we have a road that has never been developed. He stated that the were is the County on this. Supervisor Santiago stated that if someone magically went down through there and something happens wouldn't we responsible and Fumero stated yes, then he stated that is what he wanted to know. They continued to speak about this back and forth. Mr. Bennett continued on estimate on the swell project and he brought up the old estimate of the 15 years it would take, chair stated that it's not about the time it's about getting it done. The community continues to grow we need to have a start even for the next board that comes on board. Chair would just like to see something to move forward and present it to the board and have Herminio start on it or have to subcontract tit out and put money aside to have this happen. Supervisor Santiago stated that the roads are being done. They continued to speak about on this. Chair ask if he could get a road map or game plan of this to pass along. Chair ask if he could find out who has DOT material that we can use on our road. Chair also ask if that is a good idea to continue to use on our road. Bennett stated that the ones in Labelle are not DOT material and they pull it from the lake and they get some shell rock but also clay. Supervisor Santiago stated that Ridgdill is good. Supervisor Santiago stated that Ridgdill is getting pricy and we need to look elsewhere. Herminio spoke and that we have been looking and that we even called the Seminole Tribe but they only have rock but not DOT. Supervisor Santiago spoke that the material isn't been tested but Mr. Bennett stated that rock pit has to be tested because won't be able to stay open. Chair ask do we have to have dot approved material Bennett stated that it is the best way to do it because if you don't then you will have other issues.

District Treasurer Report- Boy went over his report, \$371,000 and what has come in. We had special thing this month purchase of the excavator, semi, and low boy trailer. Also, the pay out of benefits and overtime of payroll the month had five weeks and the overtime. Boy spoke about borrowing a million to do the Perimeter project it would be like a twenty-year payment and went into the percentage rates. He compared it with the dike loan that was pulled to help understand the process. Fumero stated that when you borrow that amount you are paying 10 to 15 percent to pay all the fees on top of that money. They continued to speak about this issue with the roads and getting it to were it needs to be. Supervisor Santana stated that it would be for all three roads; Perimeter, Datil, and Kennel. Boy stated that the estimate was for Perimeter which was the worst roads. They continued to speak about the break down and cost of money. Supervisor Santana ask if we could go to the state for funding. Supervisor Santiago stated that he went to the state and to be able to get funding we would have to move into another direction and pull out of the 298 and to do this we need to have voter

come out and vote and move onto being incorporated and not to be subject to the county. Spoke about ad valarium taxes. They continue to talk about this issue. Boy then continued his report. Chair ask for to go for 2-2.5 million going forward as far as a loan for the roads and present it again.

District Attorney's Report – Mr. Fumero went over golf cart issues. Bear Claws has a meeting with SFWMD on February 4 and look at the areas that were impacted. Fumero ask if anyone has been out to look at the area, they stated no. Spoke about equipment and the selling of it, as long as it is under \$5000.00 you can sell it without it being a problem. Chris Self also throw out there about the dirt that was being sold and Fumero stated that the material that was being sold was from the cleaning. Chris continued to speak on this issue and that if someone audit it is to avoid these issues. Fumero didn't know where this was coming from because he was aware was material that had came from the cleaning. Fumero went on to speak on that Ismael Ramos had called him about the whole issue that took place and also about the trespassing and Fumero redirected him to the Sheriff. Supervisor Santiago brought up the subpoena and Fumero went on to explain the process in regards to Ismael Ramos incident. He also stated that once it gets closer to the trial date, he will contact the state attorney's office in regards to it. They spoke some more on this.

Supervisor Santiago makes a motion for Fumero to obtain the information on mitigation. Chair stated that if a supervisor wants to vote on something has to be placed on the agenda. Supervisor Santiago continued brought up that Nike is will to remodel the basketball, soccer, and baseball field. He also brought up some of the stipulations on some of what is on the contract. He brought up the winter fair and pricing and needs to be voted on. He went over some of the details and what it offers. Supervisor Santiago mention that the Board should also obtain training. Chair ask Fumero to please look into those ideas.

Supervisor Santana started with employees increase at \$14.00 hour and after 90 with be at \$15.00 club house and lower paid employees and for the heavy equipment operator \$ 18.00 and the at \$19.00 hour. Most are under paid in our area. Supervisor Santana stated that Fumero said that it needed to be on the agenda, they then ask Becky if she added to the agenda and stated no, that as she was writing up the minutes, they had to speak about. Hermino spoke and in the last meeting it was tabled Supervisor Santan ask Becky if it could be added to next month agenda. Supervisor Santana then went back and forth with Becky about it being put on the agenda. Becky stated that it will be added to next agenda. They continued to speak about the detail that Sanatana found out that in Pioneer they fix the mail boxes and if they did it over there, they can do it for us. Supervisors told him they need to go through Commissioner Iglesia. They continued to speak about this, Santana also brought up building a school, charter School, Supervisor Santiago stated for him to meet with Mr. Swindle to ask and go over with him that he

would be the person to contact about this. They continue to speak about this and the process that might have to take place.

Chair would like for Fumero to look into having a fair sometime in May and start planning it with ride, food, and get the community involved and if we can do it. He would like for someone to make a motion and vote on, the date he would is May 21st, Supervisor Santiago motion to look into the festival and Supervisor Santana second it. Fumero ask Becky to please add it the agenda for next meeting, Becky confirmed to put on next agenda. Supervisor Santiago ask if mulcher came in Herminio stated that not yet for the end of February. Chair brought up to vote on the ac of the clubhouse which wasn't voted on. Supervisor Santiago ask Chair would like a motion for what ever it takes to get ac in the clubhouse. Chair ask Bennett that he would like to keep the style of the clubhouse but would like to get ac in there. Herminio spoke as not to divide it up, they continued to speak about the doors being brought up first to code. They ask Bennett to look into it. Chair also brought up Mr. Reyes culvert and can we do and it is a functional culvert but the sedimentation. Supervisor Santiago stated that it is the owner's responsibility to keep up with there culvert and we are the only 298 district to want to want to change it for the owners. They continue to go back and forth about who's responsibility. Herminio spoke and stated that we are talking about Miguel Reyes, can we say it is a community problem. Chair then ask Mr. Bennett about the issue at hand with Miguel Reyes and were it sits and how the swell flows end up by his culvert. Fumero then interjected, first you need to look at if the culvert has been compromised (crushed) or it for other reasons. Chair stated that isn't messed up on the bottom it is full of silt, Fumero stated why is it that it's only his and not everyone else. Chair stated that he maintains his only culvert and he has never had a problem. Supervisor Santiago stated that's it you maintain your culvert, Herminio states that Miguels culvert needs to be tackled just like every ones else that has the same problem. Supervisor Santiago stated the owner is responsible. Fumero stated that the owner is responsible for normal maintenance of the culvert. This went on for more than 15 minutes, please refer to video. There was nothing finalized.

Adjournment. Chair Mata meeting adjourn.